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For: SPECIMEN-INSPECTION PREPROCESSING APPARATUS

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February 25, 2004

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 4, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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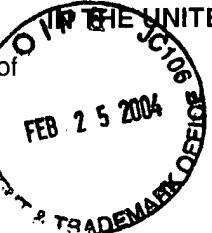
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment previously paid for	20	(at least 20)	=	0	x	\$ 18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent claims after amendment previously paid for	3	(at least 3)	=	0	x	\$ 86.00	\$ 0.00
If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)							\$ 0.00
Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months)							\$ 0.00
Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00							\$ 0.00
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